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1. JAPANESE ARE AWARE THEIR CULCON DELEGATION IS SHORT ON ACADEMICS. THEY GAVE SOME THOUGHT TO INVITING ETO, JUNE OR ANOTHER ACADEMIC BUT FOR UNSPECIFIED REASON THEY HAVE NOT INCLUDED A PROPER JAPANESE STUDIES SCHOLAR. UNLIKE AMERICAN STUDIES IN JAPAN, THEY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO DEFINE JUST WHAT JAPANESE STUDIES COVERS IN JAPAN AND WHAT ACADEMICS WOULD BEST REPRESENT THE FIELD. THEY REALIZE THAT IF A JAPANESE STUDIES EVALUATION TEAM IS LATER SENT TO THE U.S., IT WILL HAVE TO INCLUDE RESPECTED JAPANESE ACADEMICS. HOWEVER, THEY LOOKON HAWAII MEETING AS ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT PLANNING, WHERE GOJ REPRESENTATIVES ARE EMPOWERED TO ACT. IN ANY CASE, THEY CONSIDER AMAGI, UCHIMURA, INUMARU OF JAPAN FOUNDATION, AND HORI ALL QUALIFIED TO SPEAK TO SUBJECT OF COOPERATION IN JAPANESE STUDIES IN HAWAII FORUM.

2. U.S. SIDE IS CLEARLY BETTER PREPARED IN DEPTH TO DISCUSS VARIOUS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AT HAWAII, BUT THIS IS HARDLY A NEW INBALANCE. SINCE BUREACURATIC STAMP OF APPROVAL IS NECESSARY UNDER JAPANESE SYSTEM BEFORE PROJECTS CAN GO AHEAD, THE PRESENCE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS SHOULD MAKE PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS POSSIBLE AT HAWAII MEETING. HOWEVER, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL AT HAWAII TO AIR THE  
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GENERAL QUESTION OF BROADENING THE HORIZONS OF

FUTURE CULCON MEMBERSHIP AND ADDING NEW FACES.

3. QUESTIONS OF CULCON VIII DATES AND FORMAT WERE RAISED AT RECENT JAPANESE DELEGATION MEETING, BUT NO PREFERENCES WERE EXPRESSED. THEY EXPECT TO DECIDE AT HAWAII. PROBABLY WILL BE NO DIFFICULTY WITH EITHER JUNE OR EARLIER SPRING DATES AS BOTH PROPOSED, THOUGH EARLIER DATE MIGHT KNOCK OUT DIET MEMBER. WE RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT AND U.S. DELEGATION HAVE PREFERRED DATES DETERMINED IN ADVANCE AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE. SINCE U.S. WILL BE HOST FOR CULCON VIII, WE BELIEVE JAPANESE WILL ATTEMPT TO ACCOMMODATE TO U.S. WISHES SO LONG AS NO CLEAR CONFLICT WITH OTHER JAPANESE COMMITMENTS.

4. WE WILL ADVISE JAPANESE ARRIVAL TIMES. PRESUME RECEPTION CENTER WILL MEET. OTHERWISE, EXPECT NOTHING FURTHER IN ADVANCE FROM JAPANESE SIDE.  
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